



Program Requirements Comparison

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE TRACK and CLEAN TEXAS CLEANER WORLD LONE STAR LEADER LEVEL



National Environmental Performance Track (NEPT) and Clean Texas Cleaner World (CTCW) are voluntary programs designed to foster and reward environmental excellence. Performance Track is a national EPA program and CTCW is a statewide Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) program. This fact sheet summarizes and compares requirements for the two programs, focusing on the Lone Star Leader level of the CTCW program. For additional information on these programs or incentives, see program web sites or contact program coordinators.

Common Program Requirements:

- *Annual Report:* Report must include EMS data and progress toward meeting goals.
- *EMS Components:* Common elements include: an EMS with a written policy, planned targets and goals, clear roles and responsibilities for meeting goals, plans for checking and correcting non-conformance issues, and documented management review.
- *EMS Self-Assessment:* Facility must conduct regular EMS self-assessments and compliance audits and report results in annual report.
- *EMS Cycle:* Facility should have one full cycle including implementation, evaluation, and review at the time of application.
- *Membership Term:* Membership is for three years.
- *Self-Certification:* Senior facility manager must certify that all statements in application and annual reports are true, accurate, and complete.

CTCW Lone Star Leader - Additional Requirements:

- *EMS Independent Assessment:* A TCEQ Audit or an independent EMS audit conforming to TCEQ Audit Protocol must be conducted prior to acceptance. Third party audits are reviewed and approved by TCEQ.

Performance Track - Additional Requirements:

- *Community Outreach:* Facility must provide a plan to identify and respond to local concerns and inform community of important matters that affect it.
- *Community References:* Community references are required (e.g., member of a citizen group, union, local agency).
- *Compliance Record:* Facility must have no criminal environmental violations for five years.
- *Past Performance:* Facility must demonstrate performance improvements for two environmental indicators. Commitments must be reported in a standard format and performance for most commitments must be normalized.
- *Future Performance:* Facility must make a commitment to future performance improvements for four environmental indicators from at least two unique categories. Commitments must be reported in a standard format and performance for most commitments must be normalized.
- *Site Visits:* Periodic site visits of members are conducted as part of the program; site visits encompass performance commitments and community outreach as well as a facility's EMS.

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